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Kentucky Military History Museum (KMHM)
Advisory Board Meeting
September 15, 2008
Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History
Frankfort, KY

Minutes

Members present: Verna Fairchild, Kent Whitworth, Marty Pinkston, Judy Green-Baker, Al Alfaro, and Tom Fugate. Bill Bright represented the Kentucky Historical Society. Jim Turpin, Connie Freeman, Jason LeMay and John Trowbridge were guests of the board.

Verna Fairchild called the meeting to order and welcomed guests.

Exterior Repair Project

Bill Bright reported on the progress of the exterior repair project. He noted that the specifications for the project had been written and plans drawn. Both were shared with the members and guests present.

It was noted that the plans called for the removal of the iron bars and gates on the first floor exterior. Jim Turpin raised concerns about security. It was noted that these issues have been considered, but the damage to the structure was severe enough to warrant the removal. Bill Bright explained that as we move forward there will be a need to expand or replace the existing security system.

Tom Fugate added that the Department of Military Affairs (DMA) concurs with the project specifications, but it would need to undergo the review under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. It was later determined that the requirements for this review had been met through the involvement of the Kentucky Heritage Council.

Bill Bright informed the board the asbestos tile abatement project has been funded and demolition of the exhibit furniture at the Arsenal has begun. Abatement of the tile floor will take place after the completion of the exterior repair project.

Exhibitions

Bill Bright invited the board to view the Burgoyne Cannon on display in Commonwealth Hall. He shared a story about a visitor's positive reaction to the display and stated that the display has become an anchor for the military themed Hands-On-History cart.

Bill Bright updated the board on the planning process for *Kentucky Treasures: The Military History Collection*. Kent Whitworth stated that, unofficially, the exhibition had received \$20,000 in funding earmarked for website development.

Status of the Feasibility Study

Kent Whitworth updated the board on the status of the Feasibility Study. A draft of the study should be in hand by October 1st, 2008. Tom Fugate inquired about communication with the Finance Cabinet. Kent Whitworth explained that he had met with the director of Finance and that the paperwork concerning the study had been vetted through the legal departments of both Commerce and Finance cabinets.

Other Business

Al Alfaro stated that a superior commemorative event needs to be planned for the re-opening of the museum. He further stated his desire to have produced a commemorative booklet that highlights the history of the Arsenal and the rehabilitation that is taking place.

Verna Fairchild added that we need to start working with the media in Lexington, Louisville, and the Associated Press. She encouraged KHS to work with Phil Miller at the DMA. She also recommends that KHS conduct an oral history concerning the founding of the Kentucky Military History Museum with General Frymire.

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Jason LeMay inquired about the status of the Civil War and War of 1812 commissions. Kent Whitworth stated that there was hope that an executive order creating these commissions may be issued soon.

Date and Location of next Meeting

The next meeting of the KMHM Advisory Board will be held at the **Thomas D. Clark Center for Kentucky History on December 8th 2008 at 1:00pm. (THE DATE HAS SINCE BEEN CHANGED TO DECEMBER 15th)**

The purpose of the board being met, the meeting was adjourned.

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